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IN MEMORIAM

nothing which we are to perceive in this world equals
the power of your intense fragility: whose texture
compels me with the colour of its countries,
rendering death and forever with each breathing
(i do not know what it is about you that closes
and opens; only something in me understands
the voice of your eye is deeper than all roses)
nobody, not even the rain, has such small hands

e. e. cummings

Jacqueline Ann White Van Dalsam died instantly in a crevasse fall on Mt.
McKinley on June 20, 1988. These stark words brought home the shocking
reality of the loss of a dear friend and one of the most vibrant, warm
and inexhaustible women it has been my good fortune to know. Jackie was
an outdoor enthusiast all her life and an avid skier for some thirty
years. An officer of the Ski Mountaineering Section for three years she
devoted many hours to the time-consuming and thankless task of Dutins
Chair. In fact, whenever there was work to be done, Jackie could be
counted on to volunteer.

We will remember Jackie for her skills and her talent and the ineffable
grace she brought to her activities. But we will miss her intensely
because she graced any gathering with warmth and merriment and joy
and wit. A teacher of the educably retarded, Jackie combined bubbly
spirits with a patience and caring that affected the lives of all in her
school; teachers and students alike. Anyone watching Jackie handle a
difficult situation could readily see that this reservoir of patience and
good will spilled over into all parts of her life. She could charm and
set at ease the shy and the extroverted, the intellectual and the prag-
matist, the mountaineering elite and the duffer. At home in all worlds
she brought both tact and élan to all interactions. Our deepest sympathy
are extended to Jackie's husband Dale Van Dalsam, and to all of her won-
derful family over their incalculable loss. Jackie will be sorely missed.

TURKEY TREKKERS ON MT MCKINLEY

The Denali Turkey Trekkers Expedition have returned from Alaska on May
16th, having climbed the West Butress of Mt. McKinley. The party con-
sisted of Mel Johnson, Don Holmes, Jay Titus, Mike Adams, Joe Bernhart
and Alois Smrz.

We had 13 clear and cold (-55) FMIN) days with virtually no wind (gusting
to 10 MPH on summit), so our trip must be somewhat of a misnomer. I am
not sure whether Mel and Don did not set up the weather too ---- they
thought about everything else. The year we took to organize the trip
fully paid off as we had minimal logistical problems. We took 15 days
to the summit (April 26 - May 11), resting at 10,000, 14,200 (2 days)
at the Iglooplex at 17,200. Continued on page 3

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Power Cafeteria (Orange Rm) or Audi-
torium, 111 N. Hope, downtown LA.
Parking free. Program, conversation-
climbers, skiers & guests all welcome

C A L E N D A R - R C S
July 30-31: Tahquitz: Russ/Koss
Aug 5-7: Mt Goode: KorburtWeberg/Tidball
Aug 13-14 Suicide: Pies/Valkass
Aug 27-28: Tahquitz: Mundwiler/Ryan

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50

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pine skis w/tyrolia bindings 180cm/
40

Eki poles 482/ #6

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used twice-w/Tyrolia bindings/203cm/
valued at \$400/ for sale for \$250

Humanic alpine buckle boots/size 9 1/2 /
\$25

Sherpa Snowshoes/smallest model/ \$25
Schwinn 'Continental' bicycle/ 10
speed/ \$60

WANTED! Boulderers, for weekly sess-
ions at Stoney Point. Learn the pro-
blems, from easy to difficult to
severe, and demonstrate your technique
(or acquire some) on Wednesdays start-
ing around 5 o'clock. For further
information, call Jim Bryla, Kathy
Crandall, Paul Harris, Margo Koss, or
Mike Mulry. STUDENTS ESPECIALLY
WELCOME! KC

TO THE BAGGING LETTERS FROM NICK?
Twenty-four percent of the RCS re-
turning ballots electing Nick Clinch
an Honorary Member of the RCS. As
one ball lot remarked (audibly? I'd),
"about time!" But the Annual Busi-
ness Meetings won't be the same with-
out Nick's letters listing his rea-
sons for not making four climbs. MK

TUOLUMNE CLIMBING GUIDES. At a recent
Mugelnoos Meeting a Tuolumne guide by
Alan Nelson was offered to and pur-
chased by a number of us. Now this

from the June issue of THE FAMILY
ROUTE, AAC's SoCalSec newsletter:

A GUIDE TO TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

A guidebook to Tuolumne Meadows is
underway. George Meyers, publisher
of Yosemite Climbs, the most recent
catalog of Valley routes, plans a
guide for Tuolumne. It will report-
edly feature topos and an introduc-
tion to the climbing history. Remem-
ber when guidebooks were at least
part story instead of all road map
When you could get a flavor of who
did what, when and why? Well, the
rich, wild, mad history of Tuolumne
climbing, complete with live, pul-
sing personalities may yet be told!
If you have ascents to report and
some story or history to relate, writ-
to Oon Reid c/o General Delivery,
Yosemite National Park, CA 95389.
He is the contact & collector at
present.

PROPOSED NEW SMS MEMBERS

The following were approved for mem-
bership at the June 16 meeting of
the Ski Mountaineers. Welcome!

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INJURED SKIER RESCUED-WHITNEY AREA

Gusty winds threatened to cancel the
operation for several hours, but Mon-
day a man with a broken leg stranded
in the Mt. Whitney area was finally
airlifted out to get medical help.
Gary McCorpin, 40, of Mission Viejo
broke his left leg while cross coun-
try skiing in the area around 11,000
level. A helicopter rescue team from
China Lake Naval Weapons Center had
to turn back on Sunday afternoon
again due to turbulence and winds.
They decided to try again Monday morn-
ing but almost scrapped the operation
before it started. However Inyo
Search & Rescue team members who
up to be with McCorpin overnight. Fi-
nally convinced the pilot and crew
that the weather was actually calmer
up on the mountain than it was down
in the valley. About 10:30 Monday morn-
ing the rescue team managed to lift
and lift the injured man into the
chopper. He was taken to Southern
Inyo Hosp. for help & from there he
transferred to a hospital closer to
his home in Orange County. BL

The West Buttress is really a beautiful route especially on the ridge between 15,900 and 17,200 where if one is lucky with the weather, the exposure and visibility are just great. We have found the route physically quite demanding, especially while relaying heavy loads on the lower glacier. Since the mountain had much less snow than usual, the whole range at times just glissened with blue ice, and on upper spoles it caused problems. Hauling sleds around Windy Corner was tricky - very. The ice caused sleds to overturn even more than the slope normally does, and of course tempers flared ...

The Headwall between 14,200 and 16,000 can be compared in steepness to the U Notch in Palisades and the fixed line there is not really mandatory. We have not set up camp on the ridge at 16,500 as it looked very exposed to wind. We double carried all the way to 17,200 camp. After a rest day, Holmes, Jay Titus, Joe Bernhardt and I went to the summit on May 11th reaching the top after 7½ hour struggle. We had superb conditions on the summit, visibility probably 100 plus miles and slight gusts of wind. About an hour was spent on the summit taking pictures, then 2½ hours back to the high camp. I should also mention that Mike Adams was unable to continue from 16,500 due to rather severe intestinal disorder and Mel Johnson was forced to descend from the same height due to acclimatization difficulties.

I would like to thank all of you who bought the crazy T shirts and supported our trip. These shirts caused absolute sensation in Alaska; we literally lost them off our backs. Rangers, pilots and just about everyone in town of Talkeetna wanted one. I am sure "The Turkeys" will not be forgotten for a while. Also the Turkey Alpine Products prototype of climbers toilet seat proved to be a resounding success not only with fellow climbers but also with Park Service people who are looking for solutions to growing environmental problems on the mountain. Well, we had lots of fun, met some 1st class European climbers and I think some of us closed the Talkeetna's Fairview Inn bar down at 5:00am!

The trip, at least for me, was a pilgrimage of sorts; it was a 7 year dream that came true. The Alaska Range is so beautiful, scenic and huge that one simply has to come back again and again.

SMS CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS

The SMSCC met on 6/18/83 at the home of Kathryn Crandall. Present were: Kathy Crandall, Andy Fried, Mark Goebel, Paul Harris, Mike Layland, Jacki Van Dalsam and retiring Sec/Treas Lloyd Balsam. It organized itself as follows: Crandall, Chair; Fried, Vice Chair; Harris, S/T; Goebel, Paul Van Dalsam, Outings; Layland, Chapter Council Rep, with Lloyd Balsam to remain as head of the Bylaws revision effort (HUZZAH!).

Re-revisions of the bylaws were discussed and will be presented to the Chapter Bylaws Committee, and after the hoped-for approval, submitted to the SMS membership for comment and then for a formal vote. The revisions reflect the Sierra Club's mandate for conformity with their Bylaws, its concern for the responsiveness and objectivity of Section officers, and the commitment of the Club to conservation. A hearty and unanimous thanks was voted Mr. Balsam.

The following, having met all requirements, were voted and welcomed into regular membership: Peter Clark, Bob Wright, Peter Matulavich, Karen Swirsky, Kathy Johnson and Eivor Nilsson. Details elsewhere in this issue.

Treasury: liquid assets of \$678.05, all in the SMS bank account.

Observance of the 50th Anniversary of the SMS, in 1984, was discussed. The Keller Ski Hut has been reserved for the week-ends of Jan 28 and Feb 5, 1984; for ski training and the Walter Mosauer Races. As a part of the observance the possibilities of an event at Harwood and/or a joint effort with the RCS are to be explored. The RCS will be contacted and a 50th Anniversary Committee will be formed at the annual pot-lick in October.

Mark Goebel was asked to represent the SMS vis-a-vis a Chapter policy under discussion. A list of potential trip-leaders to be encouraged was discussed. The wording "Local Introductory Tour" is to be substituted for "Check-out Tour" as being more descriptive.

The Chair will write the management of the Pear Lake Hut suggesting a later closing-date, not only as a convenience to Spring-skiers, but importantly to help minimize the impact of increasing numbers of skiers in a very small water-shed. The next scheduled meeting will be Oct. 22. PH

MORE ABOUT CAMPSITES

From Leroy: 1. The disdaining leader disdained, because there were no official sites. Jim Bryla and Bob Oelsner had individual sites at the county campground and offered to share their sites. I advised the group of their generosity. 2. The County charges \$5.00 per additional car, not \$1.00. 3. There are no large level sites in the county campground. 4. Tim Ryan sent in a written request about 1½ yrs ago, requesting the Section try Hurley Creek group sites in order to encourage and/or enable climbers to bring non-climbing members and/or family. 5. There is no reason to rent group sites both nights. One regular site for Friday and a group site for Saturday would be adequate. And to quote HST, "If you can't stand etc

From Kathy: Since no satisfactory solution to the Idyllwild campsite dilemma has popped up, we are attempting yet another approach. For the Aug 13-14 climb, we will have one campsite at the state campground on Friday night, and a large group campsite at Hurley Creek campground on Saturday night. Campsites for the remainder of July and August will be at the state campground. The charge will be \$3.00, no matter how many nights you stay. Excepted from this charge are those who get nailed for \$5.00 by the Rangers for parking.

OMITTED FROM PAGE TWO: New Members: The RCS welcomes Bill Atkinson and Claude Lane (They finally did it!)
 Tuolumne Guides: Are available from the Secretary for \$4.50; this cost includes mailing and is strictly the discount copying cost donated by Mike Adams. Thanks, Mike.

SAFETY TIPS - BELAYING PEOPLE HEAVIER THAN YOURSELF

I often find myself belaying people much heavier than myself. At such times a body belay seems inadequate, particularly if belaying a leader who could take an airborne fall, rather than a slider. In these cases, I often belay from a figure 8. This holds falls (or gives tension) very well with much less strain on the belayer. It is a mechanical device, and as such has many of the limitations of the Sticht plate (virtually a non-dynamic belay, greater stress on the anchors, slower rope take-in in the case of a sliding fall). However, it is my sense that a somewhat dynamic belay can be given - more so than with a Sticht plate, and the leader can be confident that a fall will be held. One must be especially meticulous about anchors and backups when belaying this way. Rope handling is somewhat different, also, and I recommend that anyone doing this practice beforehand, feeding rope out, taking it in, and catching a fall. You'll be surprised how easy it is to mix up your hands.

Another useful technique when belaying a heavier leader is to place the first piece of pro down low when setting up the belay anchor (or to make sure that the leader places a piece of pro well before any possibility of a fall). This insures that if there is a fall, the weight of the leader is directed through a mechanical device away from the body of the belayer. This is particularly valuable in the case when a body belay is used. It is also helpful when a figure 8 is used. It is commonly done when belaying from bolts; the leader clips into one of the belay bolts before setting off. It should be considered on any climb.

The problems associated with mechanical belaying devices have been discussed thoroughly by Leeper in Summit, Vol. 25, #6, and Summit, Vol. 26, #5, as well as OFF Belay, June 1980, #51. These problems involve greater stress on the protection and the belay anchors, as well as some inherent difficulties in rope management.

BEAR CREEK SPIRE -- POR FIN

The Three Musketeers, SMRZ, Rodriguez and Fried, set out on Dec 11 & 12, 1981, to climb BCS, but storm & ankle problems stopped them cold. Feb 13 & 14 & 15, 1982, saw them again stormed in at Treasure Lakes. May 28-30, 1983, another try, this time Alois was replaced by young Chris Fried, trying to qualify for a BHTC Experience Trip. The trio skied onto the ridge above Dade Lake and made camp on Sat. A not too early start on Sun with crampons saw Fried & Fried on top by noon, Miguel having gone on to go Dade as well. By 2:30 all were back in camp eating Ramen from Korea and garlic rice with squid ala Miguel. Monday was a lazy day waiting for the snow to thaw, then a nice ski run back to the cars by noon.

I HAVE JUST FINISHED THE TRAINING PROGRAM - NOW WHAT?

Survivors of winter's RCS boot camp can be reassured that there is more to

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to climbing than Duelfersitz rappels and catching buckets filled with concrete labelled "Kinetic Killer". Although developing yourself further in the sport does not follow a structured scenario, three subjects are discussed here to enhance your rock climbing experience.

1. Start leading as soon as you can safely and comfortably do so: Some climbers fall into the trap of following exclusively because they have the opportunity of climbing with others who will lead the more technically challenging routes. This climber, who only follows, may be able to successfully handle the climbing difficulties but becomes dependent on always having that top rope for security. Always depending on equipment to protect your health and safety sets a bad precedent; the climber bears the responsibility. After my partner had just taken a fall on Right Cliff Track, he commented: "I would not have fallen if I was leading." The implication of this statement was that he was capable of making the move but it was hard, and since there was a rope from about, he allowed himself to get sloppy and fall. Being an experienced climber, he was upset with himself for breaking the mental discipline of not falling. Learning to lead brings home the reality of this discipline.

The longer one delays learning to lead, the more inhibited one may become in doing so. The problem becomes compounded for those who wait until late in the season because the ambitious students willing to lead harder routes find it easy to talk others (RCS members and less aggressive students) into joining them on climbs. It now becomes more difficult to talk a climbing buddy into belaying you for your first 5.0 lead when this partner has just experienced the thrill of doing his first 5.7 lead and is not to climb hard routes. Those requiring RCS members to lead them in their second year of climbing put a strain on the system, since students fresh out of the latest training class are already demanding rope leaders.

There is nothing wrong with letting others lead your climbs, but doing so can deprive you of a great deal of self satisfaction. After all, we climb in part because it is a process to overcome our fears and gain control of situations that frighten us. Leading requires total control of one's senses and abilities.

The following table should be used with discretion as a general guideline for picking routes to lead:

Confident at	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.9
following	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.9
start	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8
leading	5.1	5.3					

2. Do not concentrate on developing only one type of climbing technique:

Improving your climbing skills uniformly between face, crack, laybacks, chimneys, stems and combinations thereof, will add to your versatility and overall potential as a successful climber. It is impractical to expect all your technical abilities to be equal but if you have more than one or two decimal level difference between types of techniques, it is time to work on the weak area. You need not be surprised if you find your downfall in the realm of chimneys. Except for Suicide Rock, there is a very low percentage of chimney routes to be found in Southern California and at an even lesser frequency, climbers who go out of their way to find them.

3. Most important, strive to achieve your own goals and not those of the main stream:

Setting too high an expectation for yourself is a sure way to become frustrated with rock climbing. If you want to be a world class climbing superhero nowadays, you may have to sacrifice a few things like your job, your people computer and the security of knowing you will be around tomorrow. Certainly we feel a drive to try harder and harder climbs, but be kind to your ego - set standards that you know you can ultimately reach. Some people find as much gratification in 5.5 or 5.6 climbing as others find in extremely difficult routes.

Also accept the fact that many climbs will become humbling experiences. Boasting about great climbs you plan to make or going on climbs clearly over your head will instantly bring you public attention, usually in the form of RCS campfire discussions behind your back. Royal Robbins writes: For climbing is an exercise in reality. He who sees it clearly is on safe ground, regardless of his experience or skill. But he who sees (cont)

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reality as he would like it to be. may have his illusions rudely stripped from his eyes when the ground comes up fast."

MT RAINIER LIBERTY RIDGE MAY 22-24

Sunday May 22 Chris Brislawn (a college friend) & I left Carbon River Entrance at 2800 & started the 8 mile hike to the 7000 level of Curtis Ridge. The approach started in verdant growth of Carbon River Valley & led to snow-covered slopes at the Carbon Glacier morain. Liberty Ridge viewed from the morain was impressive. We continued up the morain for 2 more miles to campsite on Curtis Ridge. The freezing level was about 12,000 so we were quite comfortable in bivouac gear. As the sun crested the Northern Cascades the next day, we dropped down onto the glacier & headed straight up the center of Carbon Glacier. We wanted to climb the 1055 variation to Thumb Rock, by-passing the lower 2000' of the ridge, but the glacier's breakable crust slowed us and instead of continuing at a snail's pace we took the standard path up Carbon Glacier & the original line of ascent on the toe of the ridge. We quickly overcame a minor crevasse problem and continued to the base of the ridge and unroped. The climb to Thumb Rock (10,770) went quickly. Roping on this section might have created problems as climbing was easy and the chance of the rope dislodging missiles high. We basked in the sun for the rest of the day & enjoyed the endless panorama to the north. At about 900 pm we went to sleep in a snow cave dug out before by another party. We awoke at 12m & started climbing at 130, following the original ascent up the ridge in the diffuse moonlight. The climb was mostly on hard snow with a few low-angle ice sections. We saw a magnificent sunrise at the bergschrund where we roped up. With no problems with the bergschrund, we climbed on the easy slopes of Liberty Cap and on over to Columbia Crest (14,410) the highest point on Rainier. I arrived at 945am & Chris followed 45 minutes later. We had remarkably clear beautiful weather & could see from Mt Hood south to Mt Baker north, the Olympic Mts rising majestically across the sound. After these sights we started the long descent to the Carbon River Entrance - a miserable descent as the snow had turned to wet slush potatoes. We descended the Winthrop Glacier to Camp Schurman & then traversed over to Curtis Ridge, whence we descended & intersected the trail. We arrived at the car as the Carbon River Valley was being shaded in a

LOIS MALONE WRITES: The last Mugelnoos was the best I recall - full of good stuff. "The Ego-Driven Climber" was most enlightening. I thought the fixation on 5.10+ was purely Eastern, born of our lack of long complex ascents & the need to maximize the experience of cliff climbing. We do have accomplished technicians, male & female, & they are obsessed with higher numbers. They do Nautilus & all the cimbers slide shows & turn in some amazing performances on rock, but it all seems so competitive. One Boston climber, just back from England, said he heard Eastern climbing called "clinical". It's not all intense, though. Climbers here at least drink as much as in the RCS, and get just as rowdy and unpopular with park attendants. Keeping up the rep. you know! LM

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